

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
OCTOBER 3, 2016 COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session meeting on Monday, October 3, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

Council President Pedroso read the following announcement:

**Notice of
Meeting**

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 4, 2016 by sending written and electronic notice to the Courier News and the Star Ledger, posting on the Township website and on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and filing with the Township Clerk.

On call of the roll, the following Council members were present:

Matthew C. Moench
Howard Norgalis
Christine Henderson Rose
Vice President Allen Kurdyla
Council President Filipe Pedroso

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
 Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney
 Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

Council President Pedroso led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes for
Approval**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second by Councilman Kurdyla, the September 8, 2016 and September 19, 2016 Regular Session minutes were moved for approval and passed on the following roll call vote:

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| Councilman Moench | Abstain |
| Councilman Norgalis | Aye |
| Councilwoman Rose | Aye |
| Council Vice-President Kurdyla | Aye |
| Council President Pedroso | Aye |

**Council
Reports**

Councilwoman Rose:

- Attended a Planning Board meeting at which time the plan for the Wawa across the street from Wegman's was approved. The original proposal had 47-variances but the final plan had 23. There was a lot of planning to ensure there was a good buffer which entailed moving one of the buildings

a little further west to accommodate the neighbors.

- The planning Board is scheduled to have a special meeting on Thursday, 10/5 because PSE&G would like to put a data center on the golf course at the East end of Route 22. They would also like to put an emergency road into the cul-de-sac on Sebring road.
- Has received proposals for work at the Lane Brokaw house. If everything goes well, we can soon begin to work on putting up a roof and gutters on the house
- We acquired the Hancock house last week

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Stated it is a sad day as Al Shuback passed away around 3-pm today. He served this country for many years at the Korean War and for many years was committed to serving his community. In Bridgewater, he served as a special patrolman, a member of the Martinsville Fire Department and as a veteran, was the post commander of the VFW post in Martinsville. He will be missed.

Councilman Moench:

- Renee Edwards, wife of police officer Jamie Edwards passed away this weekend from ovarian cancer. She has been responsible for the “turn the town teal” annual events, this year being her 3rd. She will be missed.

Councilman Norgalis:

- The 2016 Bulky Trash drop off ended on 9-24. It was well received by the residents. They hope it will continue.
- Attended the Somerset Federation of Republican Woman meeting in which former Bridgewater Police Chief Borden, who is now a Colonel in the Sheriff's Dept, spoke about terrorism and personal safety. He stressed "RUN HIDE FIGHT" as the progressive self-defense steps in an emergency.
- Attended the township sponsored "Stone Soup" celebration including the excellent reading of the book by Mayor Hayes to an attentive assembly of youngsters.
- Attended the Somerset County Alliance for Action meeting. There were numerous speakers with County Engineer Matt Loper covering, in detail, the County capital programs for the next several years.
- Attended the lecture given by Attorney Jeffrey Lehrer entitled, "12 things every developer should know about New Jersey's municipal land use law".
- Attended the County unveiling and dedication of the new historic plaque

outside the Old Court House in Somerville.

Future Items:

- The township flu clinics will be held on Oct 17 and 24. Appointments must be made thru the Division of Health.
- Plans to attend the Oct 5th County meeting entitled, "Public Comment Invited on Supporting Priority Investment in Somerset County". This is the third and final phase of the grant series funded by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority.

Council President Pedroso:

- Honored to attend the medal award ceremony for veterans at our Bridgewater Commons Mall. Approximately 12 veterans were recognized for their service
- Was honored to meet the president of Portugal, a humble man who spoke well at the NJ PAC about Portuguese-American relations.

Mayor's Report Mr. Naples had no report.

Public Comment On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting was opened to the public

Members of the public wishing to address the Council on any matter will be allowed two minutes to speak, unless there are unusual circumstances.

George Stafford of Wharton, NJ was present as a representative of NJ highlands coalition. He discussed and requested Council support on the following:

- Resolution requesting that the governor of NJ and the NJDEP release an update to the NJ water supply master plan, last completed in 1996
- Adopt a resolution of continuing support for the goals and purposes of the 2004 highlands water protection and planning act

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the public comment portion was closed.

Public Hearing & Final Action Ordinances

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$17,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$17,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF

Township Administrator Naples stated this refinance will save the Township approximately \$400,000

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the meeting

was opened to the public.

No one wished to be heard.

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the public comment portion was closed.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the foregoing Ordinance was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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| Councilman Moench | Aye |
| Councilman Norgalis | Aye |
| Councilwoman Rose | Aye |
| Council Vice-President Kurdyla | Aye |
| Council President Pedroso | Aye |

THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#16-10-03-256](#) is appended to the official minutes

ORDINANCE OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS LOT 15 IN BLOCK 477 ALSO KNOWN AS 901 ROUTE 202/206 NORTH FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$525,000 TO BE PAID FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND

Township Administrator Naples requested that Council table this item to allow for further revisions to be made to the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the foregoing Ordinance was tabled.

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| Councilman Moench | Aye |
| Councilman Norgalis | Aye |
| Councilwoman Rose | Aye |
| Council Vice-President Kurdyla | Aye |
| Council President Pedroso | Aye |

**Introduction
of
Ordinances**

ORDINANCE OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS LOT 15 IN BLOCK 477 ALSO KNOWN AS 901 ROUTE 202/206 NORTH FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$525,000 TO BE PAID FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND (revised 9-16)

Township Administrator Naples requested that Council table this item to allow for further revisions to be made to the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the foregoing Ordinance was tabled.

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| Councilman Moench | Aye |
| Councilman Norgalis | Aye |
| Councilwoman Rose | Aye |
| Council Vice-President Kurdyla | Aye |
| Council President Pedroso | Aye |

ORDINANCE VACATING AND RELEASING FROM DEDICATION AND EXTINGUISHING A DEDICATED ROAD BEING A PORTION OF RADEL AVENUE, SITUATED IN BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing Ordinance was proposed. The vote was as follows:

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| Councilman Moench | Aye |
| Councilman Norgalis | Aye |
| Councilwoman Rose | Aye |
| Council Vice-President Kurdyla | Aye |
| Council President Pedroso | Aye |

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution [#16-10-03-257](#) is appended to the official minutes

Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk read the following report:

BE IT RESOLVED that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 3rd day of October 2016, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time on said day as the time and the Bridgewater Township Municipal Court Chambers at 100 Commons Way in said Township as the place for hearing and final action; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall forthwith post on the bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building at 100 Commons Way, a true copy of said ordinance and make copies available to members of the general public and spread the same upon the minutes of the meeting.

**Closed
Session**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bridgewater Township Council that this body will now hold a closed meeting to discuss litigation.

When and if the matters discussed become public record, this will be made known to the public at that time.

The public is excluded from said meeting and further notice thereof is dispensed

with all in accordance with Sections 8 and 4a of the Open Public Meetings Act.

On the motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, Council convened in closed session at approximately 7:55 p.m.

A copy of resolution [#16-10-03-258](#) is appended to the official minutes.

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the meeting reconvened to open session at 8:10 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Filipe Pedroso
Council President